

Honoring
JOHN K. CHAN
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, John K. Chan, Business Taxes Specialist I in Headquarters' Legal Department, Appeals Division, will retire on May 1, 2005, after thirty-one years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, John began his career with the Board of Equalization on August 6, 1974, as an Auditor I in the San Francisco District Office and, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, in just one year, advanced to the position of Tax Auditor II on August 6, 1975; and

WHEREAS, John continued to progress and advance in his profession, performing even more difficult and challenging work and was promoted to Associate Tax Auditor in July 1980 while in the San Francisco office; and

WHEREAS, in May 1984, John was transferred to the Audit and Information Section at Headquarters in Sacramento where he continued to demonstrate his exceptional skills and expertise which earned him his promotion to a Staff Tax Auditor in October 1986; and

WHEREAS, in December 1988, John transferred to the Petitions Section for a brief time before joining the Appeals Division in July 1989, where he became a Business Taxes Specialist I; and

WHEREAS, John has earned the respect and admiration of management and co-workers not only because of his analytical knowledge of audit procedures and writing skills, but also his professionalism, sense of humor, and the kindness and courtesy with which he treated all of us; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, John has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to John K. Chan our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to him and his family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twelfth day of April 2005, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
RICHARD L. EVANS
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Richard L. Evans, Supervising Tax Auditor III in the Ventura District Office, will retire on May 2, 2005, after more than thirty-three years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Richard began his career with the Board of Equalization in 1972 as a Tax Auditor I in the Santa Barbara District Office; and

WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning appointment to the position of Tax Auditor II and advancing to the positions of Tax Auditor III, Supervising Tax Auditor I, Supervising Tax Auditor II; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Supervising Tax Auditor III in August 2000, serving the Ventura District until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Richard has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Richard L. Evans our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to him and his family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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Honoring
STEPHEN J. FOTI
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Stephen J. Foti, Business Taxes Specialist I in the San Francisco District Office, retired on February 15, 2005, after twenty-seven years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Stephen began his career with the Board of Equalization on November 1, 1977, as a Tax Auditor I and as a result of diligent work, demonstrated ability, effort and dedication to the Board, advanced to positions of increasing responsibility to this present position; and

WHEREAS, he has performed his duties throughout his service to the Board in a conscientious and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, Stephen has consistently responded with ingenuity, imagination, and foresight to the duties and responsibilities given him, fulfilling them with outstanding accuracy and competency; and

WHEREAS, he has set an example of dedication to principle which has been an inspiration to his fellow employees; and

WHEREAS, in all his endeavors, Stephen has reflected great credit upon the Board and the Sales and Use Tax Department: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Stephen J. Foti our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to him and his family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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Honoring
ROY DAVID GRAHAM
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Roy David Graham, Associate Property Appraiser in the Property and Special Taxes Department, Valuation Division, will retire on May 1, 2005, after thirty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from California State University, Sacramento, and serving two years in the U.S. Army, David began his state career with the Department of Transportation before coming to the Board in 1972 as an Appraiser with the Intercounty Equalization Division, then the Assessment Standards Division; and

WHEREAS, David continued to hone his appraisal skills with the State Lands Commission before returning to the Board in 1993 with the Valuation Division until his retirement as an Associate Property Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Board, David consistently demonstrated a level of technical expertise that remained high, even while performing difficult and complex appraisals of public utilities and railroad properties; and

WHEREAS, the respect he has earned throughout the property tax assessment community, his integrity, and his outstanding service to the people of California attest to the high level of his ability and his dedication to serving the people of the state: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Roy David Graham our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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Honoring
HAE-HONG JOO
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Hae-Hong Joo, Tax Auditor in the Norwalk District Office, will retire on April 1, 2005, after more than twenty-three years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Hae-Hong began his career with the Board of Equalization on July 1, 1981, as an Auditor I in the West Los Angeles District Office; and*

***WHEREAS,** as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning appointment to the position of Tax Auditor II on July 1, 1982, and eventually moving to the Norwalk District Office; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout his many years of service, Hae-Hong has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication: Therefore be it*

***RESOLVED,** that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Hae-Hong Joo our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to him and his family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.*

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Honoring
HORACE REESE JR.

On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Horace Reese Jr., Associate Tax Auditor in the San Francisco District Office, retired on February 15, 2005, after more than twenty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Horace began his career with the Board of Equalization on September 4, 1979, as a Tax Auditor I and as a result of diligent work, demonstrated ability, effort and dedication to the Board advanced to positions of increasing responsibility to this current position; and

WHEREAS, Horace has performed his duties throughout his service to the Board in a conscientious and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, he has consistently responded with ingenuity, imagination, and foresight to the duties and responsibilities given him, fulfilling them with outstanding accuracy and competency; and

WHEREAS, Horace has set an example of dedication to principle which has been an inspiration to his fellow employees; and

WHEREAS, in all his endeavors, he has reflected great credit upon the Board and the Sales and Use Tax Department: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Horace Reese Jr. our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to him and his family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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